

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday JULY 12th, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

- Sign Orders
- Other Business

SELECTBOARD:
Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Dwight Richardson

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on July 12th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chairman; Dwight Richardson; Alden Warner
Amanda Carlson/Select Board Clerk; Sandy LaDeau/Town Clerk & Treasurer
Calvin Allen/Road Commissioner

Discussion:

- Minutes of June 28th, 2016 meeting signed. Approved unanimously.
- The Board signed a letter addressed to Ken Canning at the VLCT to continue the Appeal of Denial of Coverage regarding the recovery of legal costs incurred for the fine issued from the Agency of Natural Resources. Ron Shems of Diamond and Robinson will continue to represent the Town in seeking reimbursement.
- The Board reviewed response from Vermont Superior Court regarding the motion for costs filed regarding the case of the Town versus the ANR. The court denied the motion. The Board decided unanimously not to pursue reimbursement through the court as they feel the VLCT-PACIF Insurance company should be responsible for representing the Town.
- Vermont Department of Taxes issued the fiscal year 2017 Educational tax rates for the Town. Rates will be charged at \$1.5356 for non-residential; and \$1.2857 for homestead/residential. These reflect an increase over last year which were \$1.4798 and \$1.2307.
- The Board was informed that the Listers will be holding grievance hearings on Friday July 15, 2016. The Listers plan to attend the July 26th Select Board Meeting to officially lodge the 2016 Grand List.
- Allan Albrecht on Carter Road; and Josh and Ashley King on Hazen Notch Road, both submitted driveway entrance permits. The Board will conduct a site visit and return the permit to the office once approved.
- Treasurer presented the Board with the Internal Control checklist. Approved unanimously by the Board and will be kept on file to ensure all financial procedures are being adhered to.
- Potter Road resident Ken Barry submitted request through Amanda Carlson for the Board to reconsider the decision that a gate can only be erected past the Class 4 portion of the road. He explained that there are some residents on the Class 4 portion that would benefit from the gate and would like to see it placed

approximately 100 yards in from the end of the Class 4 road. The Board discussed with the Road Commissioner and weighed the legal and emergency aspects of having the gate moved. It was decided to deny the request and keep to the original decision of only allowing the gate to be placed beyond the Town roads on the private portion of the road. Mr. Barry will be notified of the decision.

- Quotes for paving were reviewed from; *Gray's Paving and Pike Industries, Inc.* Other companies had been contacted, however no other quotes were submitted. After reviewing specification and pricing, the Board decided to award the paving project to Gray's. Calvin Allen will contact the company to notify them and work out the details of the project. \$125,000 will be used to repave selected sections of the Mines Road for repair. (\$100,000 of which was awarded to the Town as a grant from the State) The Town will use additional money from the paving fund to make repairs to the Mink Farm Road and Irish Hill Road at the same time. Work is expected to be scheduled late summer.
- Calvin provided the Board with an update on the flood damage caused by the June 28th storm. Roads are now passable but require additional work to culverts and ditches. Major Roads affected were; *Carter Road, Adams Road, Diette Road, Irish Hill and Meek Road.* Calvin is recording all costs for rain damage repair separately. Amanda Carlson will contact V-Trans District 9 representative to enquire about emergency funds available and if grants are possible to cover costs.
- Kempton Hill Road bridge and Blodgette Road bridge are in need of repair. Calvin will inspect the runners and repair if possible. Any major damage beyond the runners will be re-assessed and discussed with the Board and V-Trans to make a determination.

Board Warrants for July 12th, 2016

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| General Order # | 17 | \$ 782.18 |
| General Order # | 18 | \$ 2,897.50 |
| General Order # | 19 | \$ 340.00 |
| General Order # | 21 | \$ 8,908.14 |
| General Order # | 22 | \$ 600.00 |
| Payroll # | 14 | \$ 5,616.81 |
| Payroll General # | 16 | \$ 4,322.04 |
| Fire Department # | 13 | \$ 2,460.56 |
| Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling | | \$ 25,927.23 |

****June Monthly report – General Order #20**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Next meeting date: July 26th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Richard Pion- Chm.

Amanda Carlson - Asst. Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson